

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 135 - HB 98

February 5, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all elections for state trial court judgeships, county judicial offices, and judicial clerk offices within Davidson and Shelby Counties to be conducted in a nonpartisan manner. Requires incumbents be listed first on the election ballot.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-13-203(e), only elections for state trial court judgeships and county judicial offices within Shelby County are conducted in a nonpartisan manner, if approved by the county legislative body.
- The proposed legislation would remove the approval of the county legislative body, add the election of judicial clerk offices, and expand the applicability to include Davidson County.
- Conducting these elections in a nonpartisan manner will remove them from inclusion on the primary election ballot.
- According to the Department of State, removal of certain offices from inclusion on the primary ballot will not result in any significant decrease to local government expenditures because primary elections will still be conducted for other county offices within Davidson and Shelby Counties.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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